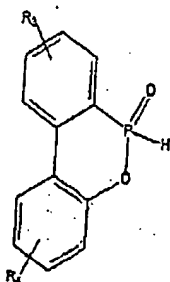


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing 6-alkoxy-(6H)-dibenzo [c,e][1,2] oxaphosphorins, wherein 6H-dibenzo [c,e][1,2] oxaphosphorin 6-oxides of the formula I



where R3, R4 = alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl groups are used as the reactant, further comprising, carrying out the following steps:

- 1) providing at least one solvent,
- 2) adding the reactant
- 3) adding an ortho ester and
- 4) adding alcohol if it has not already been used under
stage 1).

2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the solvent used is an alcohol or alcohol-containing mixture.
4. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 3, wherein alcohols of the formula R_2OH are used where R_2 is alkyl.
5. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of a compound capable of ester formation with 6H-dibenzo [c,e][1,2] oxaphosphorin 6-oxides.
6. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of a trialkyl orthoformate.
7. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of trimethyl or triethyl orthoformate.

8. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein it is carried out in the presence of ~~eatalysts~~ a catalyst.
9. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 3, wherein the ~~eatalysts~~ catalyst used are is Lewis ~~acids~~ acid or Brønsted ~~acids~~ acid.
10. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 3, wherein the ~~acids~~ acid used are is a proton ~~donors~~ donor.
11. (Currently Amended) The process as claimed in claim 10, wherein the ~~acids~~ acid used ~~are~~ is a hydrogen ~~halides~~ halide.
12. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the excess alcohol is removed and the catalyst is simultaneously recycled.